THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 32 terrorist organizations have been banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in 2004. The overall Internal security situation has remained largely in control, which significant improvement in the situation in Jammu & Kashmir. In the North Eastern region, there is considerable Improvement in the situation in some States such as Tripura and Meghalaya, while co-ordinated measures have been taken to check and control avtivities of militant groups in the other States in the region *viz.*, Assam, Manipur and Nagaland. In the naxal affected areas also the overall level of extremist violence has, more or less, remained at a similar level in the last few years and, has in fact, shown improvement in a number of areas but for a few major incidents in Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand etc.

(b) As per available information, the following major terrorist incidents/bomb blasts have taken place in the hinterland between 1.1.2007 to 31.3.2008.

Sl. No.	Incident	Persons killed	Persons injured
1.	Explosion in two unreaserved coaches in Samjhauta/Attari Express at Diwana near Panipat on 18.02.2007.	68	12
2.	Bomb explosion at Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad on 18.05.2007	09	58
3.	Bomb blasts at Lumbini Park and Gokul Chat Bhandar in Hyderabad on 25.08.2007	42	72
4.	Blast at Ajmer Sharif, Ajmer, Rajasthan on 11.10.2007	3	14
5.	Bomb blast at Shingar Cinema Hall in Ludhiana on 14.10.2007	6	38
6.	Serial bomb blasts in court premises in U.P. on 23.11.2007	13	80
7.	Attack on CRPF Group Centre, Rampur, U.P. on 1.1.2008.	8	5

(c) The Government pursues a comprehensive policy to deal with terrorism by way of enhanced intelligence sharing, strengthening of border management, augmenting the capabilities of police and security forces by poviding advances/sophisticated weapons, communications system and training. The Government has also established bilateral and multilateral mechanisms to address the external imperatives of terrorism.

(d) During the Financial Year 2007-08, as per available information, the Ministry of Home Affairs has, *inter-alia*, released Grants-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 669.31 crores for Modernization of Police Force' Rs. 369.64 crores for Special Assistance to States; Rs. 15 crores for India Reserve Battalions etc. to strengthen the States' capabilities to meet challenges to internal security.

Steps to protect court complexes

†3923. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some incidents of bomb blasts had been reported recently in the district courts in Uttar Pradesh;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have also threatened to blow up the Delhi High Court; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government for protection of Delhi High Court and the other subordinate courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Incidents of bomb blasts in the court premises had taken place at Varanasi, Lucknow and Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh on 23 November, 2007.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, as the security of High Courts and other courts are looked after by the State Government/UT Police, guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs to them to review and strengthen the present security arrangements of High Courts and the other District/Subordinate Courts in the country.

Financial assistance to SIMI by foreign agencies

3924. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many activists of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) were arrested by special task forces of Madhya Pradesh Government in March, 2008;

(b) whether his Ministry is having information that some foreign agencies are helping SIMI organization financially to the tune of Rs. 90 crores every year;

(c) if so, the names of foreign agencies with total amount spent by them on these terrorists and anti-national outfits; and

(d) the steps Government has taken/proposes to take to check flow of financial assistance by the foreign agencies to these anti-national groups so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) 20 (twenty) activities of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) have been arrested.

(b) and (c) SIMI has been raising funds in a clandestine manner from well-wishers and sympathizers in foreign countries.

(d) The activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Attacks on women in Mumbai

†3925. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mumbai, regarded as the safest Indian city for women, still logs one rape every two days and at the end of December, 2007 figure is more than the 2006 number;

(b) if so, whether recently also there have been attacks on women, not only Indian but foreigner also in the city; and

(c) if so, the main reasons for the attacks on women in Mumbai and the steps Government proposes to take to help and assist the State in meeting the situation?

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